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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.